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**STATE ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY CHANGES IN  
CRAIGIE DRAWBRIDGE OPERATING HOURS**

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) today announced that the United States Coast Guard (USCG) has issued a temporary rule change regarding the operation of the Craigie Drawbridge.

The changes, effective immediately through September 30, 2006, are as follows:

- The bridge will not be lifted to allow for the passage of ships from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
- On Saturdays and Sundays between 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. the bridge will only opened to allow vessels to pass every hour on the half-hour, starting at 12:30 p.m. At such time, the bridge will remain open long enough to allow all queued vessels to pass, and will close immediately afterwards.
- The only exceptions allowed will be for emergency or other government vessels, such as police, fire, USCG, etc.

These changes have been announced due to the closure of various Big Dig tunnels, which has resulted in markedly increased traffic volume over the Craigie Drawbridge. The frequent opening of the drawbridge during rush hour and on weekends was exacerbating the congestion problems already being experienced.

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